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SUBJECT: UNCTAD UNCP GSP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT ADVISING
MISSIONS

REF: SINGAPORE 0089 (NOTAL)

1. US DEL, UNCTAD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES
(AHMAD) DISCUSSED JAN 14 WITH PROJECT MANAGER PRADHAN
PROGRAM OF PROJECT'S ADVISORY MISSION FOR 1976 AND
SCHMIDT-PRADHAN CORRESPONDENCE RE POSSIBLE US
PARTICIPATION.

2. PRADHAN OUTLINED FOLLOWING PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

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A. AFGHANISTAN 26 - 30 JANUARY

SYRIA 3 - 7 FEBRUARY

B. PAKISTAN 16 - 20 FEBRUARY
SINGAPORE 23 - 27 FEBRUARY
THE PHILIPPINES 1 - 5 MARCH

C. GUATEMALA 15 - 20 MARCH
HONDURAS 21 - 25 MARCH
NICARAGUA 26 - 31 MARCH
COSTA RICA 1 - 6 APRIL

D. INDIA APRIL/MAY 1976
ARGENTINA APRIL/MAY 1976
URUGUAY APRIL/MAY 1976
ECUADOR APRIL/MAY 1976
PANAMA APRIL/MAY 1976
BOLIVIA APRIL/MAY 1976
EL SALVADOR APRIL MAY/1976

E. MALAYSIA JUNE 1976
INDONESIA JUNE 1976
JORDAN JUNE 1976
EGYPT JUNE 1976

3. PROJECT PLANNING RETAIN SERVICES OF FORMER US
CUSTOMS OFFICIAL R.N. MARRA FOR THREE MONTH PERIOD
TO ASSIST IN PREPARING HANDBOOK OF US SCHEME. MARRA
WOULD JOIN TEAM (HEADED BY BRANDERBURG) VISITING
PAKISTAN, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA AND PRADHAN BELIEVED
NO USG PARTICIPATION THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THIS
MISSION.

4. PRADHAN REQUESTED USG CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MAKING
US CUSTOMS OFFICIAL (PREFERABLY SPANISH SPEAKING)
AVAILABLE FOR THE FULL PERIOD (15 MARCH - 6 APRIL) OF
THE MISSION TO CENTRAL AMERICA. HE NOTED THAT PROJECT
MISSIONS CONFINE THEMSELVES TO PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO
EXPORTERS AND THAT AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS WOULD BE OF GREATEST INTEREST.
WHILE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF US SCHEME WOULD PROBABLY BE
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LIMITED TO ONE DAY OF VISIT TO EACH COUNTRY, IT IS
NORMAL PRACTICE FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO HAVE INFORMAL
MEETINGS WITH EXPORTERS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND OFFICIALS
ON OTHER DAYS OF VISIT. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF
US CUSTOMS REP COULD BE MEMBER OF THE TEAM FOR FULL
PERIOD.

5. PRADHAN WILL BE ABSENT ON HOME LEAVE BEGINNING
JANUARY 19 BUT REQUESTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION
TO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF OF THE POSSIBILITY OF

USG PARTICIPATION.

6. PRADHAN PROMISED TO KEEP USG INFORMED OF ITS PLANS FOR MISSIONS LATER IN YEAR. HE REQUESTED USG CONSIDER ANY MISSIONS IT MIGHT SEND ON ITS OWN IN LIGHT OF PLACE AND TIMING OF PROJECT MISSIONS. HE NOTED THT THIS HAS BEEN DONE WITH EEC AS IT WAS FELT THAT TOO CLOSE OCCURRENCE OF UNCTAD AND DONOR COUNTRY MISSIONS TO SAME COUNTRIES DISSIPATES THEIR VALUE.

7. IN THIS CONTEXT WE NOTE PLAN OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT TO HOLD FEBRUARY SEMINAR ON US GSP. AMAMBASSY SINGAPORE MAY WISH ENSURE THAT GOS AND UNCTAD/UNDP PLANNING ARE COORDINATED. ABRAMS

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